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Annual Firefighters' Memorial Ceremony

The Annual Houston Firefighters' Memorial Ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at 10 a.m. at the Firefighters' Memorial Garden located at 4225 Interwood N. Parkway off JKF Blvd.

Family and friends of the department will gather to pay tribute to members who have lost their lives in the line of duty and all Houston Firefighters who have died since the HFD became a paid department in 1899.

HFD's Honor Guard and Pipes and Drums will open the ceremony, followed by special remarks from the HFD Fire Chief Phil Boriskie, several council members and representatives from other HFD related entities.

Families and friends will be given the opportunity to place a flower at the base of the line of duty death memorial as the 60 names (59 paid HFD firefighters and one Volunteer Firefighter) are read out.

The annual event is hosted by the Houston Fire Department, the Houston Firefighters' Relief and Retirement Fund, the Houston Fire Museum, the HFD Valor and Service Awards Committee and the HFD Citizens' Fire Academy Alumni Association.